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Honorable Arthur F. Sampson
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Sampson:

Thank you for your letter to the Director, dated 1 April 1975, requesting our comments on a proposed Federal Management Notice establishing policy for motion picture processing.


The subject of reliance on the private enterprise system is of concern to this Agency. We have been working for many years to ensure that commercial sources supply our needs at minimal cost commensurate with the efficient conduct of our operations. In view of this, we have reviewed the notice draft with interest.

It is foreseen that a policy and program to further the principles of uniform motion picture processing will do much to improve the management of Government-wide audiovisual activities. Further, substantial benefits should also be attainable for the motion picture processing industry.

Although we agree in principle with the policy proposal, we feel that this Agency must maintain some internal film processing capability because the subject matter of the films we process is classified and in direct support of intelligence operations. Accordingly, we concur in the proposed issuance provided that the exception criteria contained in paragraph 3 of the notice and subparagraph 3d of Attachment A remain.

Sincerely,

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Administration



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